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11 dead, 954 injured in 874 road accidents in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At least eleven people were killed while 954 injured in 874 road accidents in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. Of whom, 596 people sustained serious injuries who were shifted to different hospitals, whereas, 358 victims with minor injuries were treated on the spot by rescue medical teams. Analysis showed that 442 drivers, 22 underage drivers, 110 pedestrians, and 413 passengers were among the victims of road accidents.

Statistics show that 228 road accidents were reported in Lahore due to which 241 people were affected placing the provincial capital at top of the list followed by 68 Multan with 70 victims and at third Faisalabad with 68 victims.

According to data, 755 motorbikes, 76 auto-rickshaws, 83 motorcars, 18 vans, 11 buses, 36 trucks and 97 other types of auto vehicles and slow-moving carts were involved in the road accidents.

Indian Sikh Yatrees return to their homeland

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Sikh Yatrees coming to Pakistan from India for Khalsa Janam Din celebrations and Besakhi Mela return to their homeland through Wagah border crossing here on Thursday.

Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) Additional Secretary Shrines Rana Shahid, Deputy Secretary Imran Gondal, Pardhan Sardar Ameer Singh, Member Mampal Singh and others were also present.

Before departure, Sikhs told the media: "We got a lot of love here." Best arrangements were made for transportation, security and accommodation of the visiting yatrees.

Speaking on the occasion, Sardar Ameer Singh asked the Sikh community all-over the world to come Pakistan and see for themselves the renovation, protection and security of their religious places here. Rana Shahid bade farewell to the Sikh pilgrims with special gifts.

They raised slogans including Pakistan Zindabad and Sikh Muslim friendship Zindabad.

ANF recovers 69kg morphine, 4.5kg heroin

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) in two different operations managed to recover over 69 kg morphine and 4.5 kg heroin.

According to an ANF Headquarters spokesman, ANF Quetta and ANF Intelligence on Thursday conducted an operation on 'Samunghi Road near Khazai Chowk' and recovered 69 kg Morphine from an unattended motorcycle.

The spokesman informed that under another operation, ANF Rawalpindi and ANF Intelligence conducted a raid on Wednesday night at an office of a private courier company and recovered 4.5 kg heroin from a parcel booked for Birmingham.

LHC seeks assistance from Advocate General on plea for oath taking of Hamza Shehbaz

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Thursday sought assistance from advocate general Punjab on a petition for oath taking of Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shehbaz.

The court also ordered the advocate general to appear on Friday after taking instructions from Punjab Governor Omar Sarfraz Cheema in the matter.

LHC Chief Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti passed the orders while hearing a petition filed by newly-elected Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shehbaz.

Earlier, Advocate Khalid Ishaq on behalf of Hamza Shehbaz argued before the court that his client had been elected as Punjab chief minister in an assembly session held on April 16 and he secured 197 votes.

He submitted that after the election,



Deputy Speaker Sardar Dost Muhammad Mazari forwarded the result to the Punjab governor to fulfil the requirements of Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure.

However, the governor was reluctant to administer an oath to his client and fulfill his constitutional duty, he added.

He submitted that the act of the governor was in sheer violation of the Constitutional provisions and pleaded with the court for issuance of necessary directions in this regard.

At this, the chief justice sought assistance from advocate general Punjab and issued a notice to him under section 27-A of Civil Procedure Code.

The LHC CJ also ordered the advocate general to appear on Friday after taking instructions from the governor in the matter.

At this stage, Supreme Court Bar Association President Ahsan Bhoon requested the chief justice to fix the matter for hearing at 1 pm as an assistant advocate general was also present in the court.

However, the chief justice declined the

request, observing that let the judicial system take its own course.

Meanwhile, the chief justice dismissed an application filed by Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid leader Kamil Ali Agha for becoming a party in the matter after being withdrawn.

During the proceedings, advocate Amir Saeed Rawan on behalf of the petitioner argued that the election of the chief minister had not been conducted in an appropriate manner.

At this, the chief justice observed that this issue was not pending before him, adding that he was hearing the petition for oath taking of chief minister only.

When this matter would come before the court then it would be reviewed, he added. Subsequently, the chief justice dismissed the application after the petitioner counsel sought permission for withdrawing it.



LAHORE: Women buy shoes from vendors at the Anarkali Bazar. —Online

LHC disposes of plea against acceptance of Buzdar's resignation

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) Thursday disposed of a petition, filed against acceptance of resignation of former chief minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar, after being withdrawn.

LHC Chief Justice Muhammad Ameer Bhatti heard the petition, filed by Tanveer Sarwar.

During the proceedings, the chief justice expressed his annoyance and observed that the petitioner was not an aggrieved party. If the former chief minister did not have objection over acceptance of his resignation, then how the petitioner could approach the court in this regard, he asked.

At this, the petitioner's counsel pleaded with the court for allowing withdrawal of the petition.

The LHC chief justice observed that such applications were moved for cheap publicity in the name of public interest. Why not one million fine be imposed on the petitioner, the CJ asked.

Later, the chief justice disposed of the petition, after being withdrawn. Tanveer Sarwar had submitted that Buzdar's resignation was not addressed to the Punjab governor, but to the prime minister of Pakistan. He prayed to the court to declare acceptance of Buzdar's resignation 'unconstitutional'.

Eight outlaws arrested; cache of narcotics, weapons recovered

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad police have arrested eight outlaws including six drug peddlers from different areas of the city, a police spokesman said on Thursday.

He said that IGP Islamabad Muhammad Ahsan Younas had categorically ordered all zonal officers to intensify the security in their relevant areas to curb the crime. Following the orders, Sihala police team arrested a drug dealer namely Abdul Wahab and recovered 2210 gram of hashish. Shalimar Police arrested a drug peddler namely Tariq and recovered 1070 gram hashish. Likewise, Tarnol Police team arrested a drug peddler namely Khalid Mehmood and recovered 1020 gram

Governor says Imran Khan trained PTI workers on thoughts, philosophy of Iqbal

— Omer Sarfraz Cheema visits Mazar-e-Iqbal

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Omer Sarfraz Cheema visited Mazar-e-Iqbal.

Governor Punjab Omer Sarfraz Cheema visited the mausoleum of Allama Muhammad Iqbal on his death anniversary and offered Fateha.

Senator Waleed Iqbal, former Sindh Governor Imran Ismail, Brigadier (retd) Ejaz Shah, Senator Shehzad Wasim, MNA



Amir Kayani and Dr Shahid Khan were also present on the occasion.

Governor Punjab Omer Sarfraz Cheema while talking on the occasion said that 'khudi' among Muslims can be awakened by following the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

He said that Allama Iqbal gave the message of self (Khudi) to the nation. He said that the our leader Imran Khan has done the political training of PTI workers on the thoughts and philosophy of Allama Iqbal.

He also offered special prayers for the development, prosperity and stability of the country and the nation.

Data of all citizens sitting in Itikaf should be checked: IGP

LAHORE: Inspector General of Police (IGP), Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan has issued orders for protection of citizens observing *Itikaf* in all districts of the province and to make security arrangements for mosques, imambargahs and public places more effective in the last decade of Ramazan.

IG Punjab has directed the supervisory officers to formulate a special plan for the security of the citizens attending *Itikaf* at mosques and other places and use all available resources in security arrangements.

Rao Sardar Ali Khan directed that the data of all the citizens sitting in *Itikaf* in public places should be checked while close co-ordination should be maintained with the mosque administration for identification of miscreants and security of the devotees.

IG Punjab said that special measures should be taken for the security

of Taak Raat, especially Laylat-ul-Qadr gatherings in the last ten days of Ramadan and lady personnel should also be deployed for the security of women worshippers and devotees in sensitive mosques and imambargahs.

Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that walk-through gates should be installed at the main entrances of sensitive mosques and imambargahs and citizens should be allowed to enter after thorough search. IG Punjab directed to make the security arrangements at the entrances and exits effective and said that search, sweep and combing operations should be continued on daily basis in the vicinity of A category religious and public places. IG Punjab said that effective patrolling and blockade should be ensured by increasing the number of patrolling teams around sensitive mosques and Imambargahs.

He stressed upon strict implementation of Loudspeaker Act so that there should no threat of spoiling the peace.

IG Punjab while instructing the supervisory officers further said that such proscribed organizations which were banned from collecting Zakat and donations by the Punjab Home Department should be strictly enforced. He urged the senior officers to go out in the field and review the security arrangements at sensitive places and make necessary arrangements for backup of CCTV monitoring and video recording for the security of worshippers in major mosques and imambargahs. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that in the last decade of Ramadan, all possible measures should be taken under the special plan for security of markets, banks and public places so that the incidence of street crime could not increase. —APP



LAHORE: A drug addict sleeps soundly under the shadow of a tree on a footpath at the Mall.